



ATEITIS LADS AND LITH XMAS TREE

The ATEITIS Lithuanian folk dancers have had a busy Christmas season with programs, left and right to use the trite expression. This picture of some of the ATEITIS boys was taken during their presentation of the Christmas program of holiday customs at the Museum of Science and Industry. In the background is the Christmas tree with the Lithuanian decorations all made of straw by the students of St. Casimir's Academy who have undertaken as an annual project to dress the Lithuanian tree, which is always the most unusual tree among the rest of the trees. In front, (L to R), are seen; Klimas Gaushas, Fabis Dauzvardis, Lenis Mickas, (rear row) Pranas Zapolis, Jonas Buracas and Vincas Samoska.

It seems that the "Ateitis" Dancers are quickly becoming a fine young theatrical group. Their performance at the Museum of Science and Industry, Nov. 26th, was appreciated and liked by all of the people that were present, including the representatives who complimented the group for a fine performance. In fact, they said it was the finest Christmas nationality group program they have seen there yet. And that's saying a lot.

With the above program their Christmas activities didn't end. On December 15th they danced at Bowen High School for the PTA. On December 24th, at the Oak Forest Home for the Aged and Infirm where the Lithuanian dances brought Joy and gladness to the old folks who lead the lonesome life of institutions. The peppy dances and the gay spirit of the dancers made their afternoon a joyous event. Then came our own Christmas party which was also a huge success. Cake baked by our 1-A baker, Vince Samaska, refreshments and a grab bag. What a riot! From soup to nuts! By the way, Bernice Kaminskas, did the dead duck head make good soup? The rest was the nuts!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Peter Dauzvardis and Dolores Srupsa, became engaged on Christmas Day. "Marry Christmas"! May your ATEITIS (Future) be a happy one. We'll all be there to dance Vestuviu at your Vestuves (Wedding).

The dancing group would like to thank Mrs. Dauzvardis for all of her time, patience and help that she so generously donated. A season's roses to her!

Until later,

— Frank.

Among Our Friends

Herbert Suedmeyer, the square and folk dance pioneer and leader of the Buffalo area, had quite a big spread in the Buffalo Evening News, with a big picture and all. It was a well deserved write-up, for Mr. Suedmeyer is sincerely active in the folk dance field and co-operates in the activities . . . Another old timer among the folk dancers is Mrs. Dean Saxton of Plymouth, Mich. She folk danced in the Detroit area and the Circle Pines Co-ops since way back when — . Among other things she also (president) a woman's organization in Plymouth and is introducing them to the delights of folk dancing . . . Dean Saxton, Jr., a folk dancer since childhood and a folk festival vet, teaches Greek at the Fuller Institute in Pasadena, Cal. (What d'ya know!) . . . Genevieve Giedraitis is becoming an ever-present personality in Chicago's ballet and dance performances. She participated in the Ballet Theatre's concert at the Eighth Street Theatre and at the Big Zionist Pageant of the Chicago Civic Opera House . . . Al Azukas, San Franciscan, spent his Thanksgiving Holidays with his folks in Oswego, N. Y. and with his sisters and their families in Washington, D. C. Between trains he stopped off in Chicago for several hours . . . Leonard Hurst and his Australian born spouse left for Sydney, Australia, where Len will be in charge of a Square Dance program with the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Leonard, a Denverite, was one of the leading dancers and a caller with the Dudes and Dames of Denver University, and a folk festival vet.

Vince Samaska and Eleanor Mellas, both ATEITIS dancers, won \$25.00 each for their excellent Polka dancing in a contest sponsored by the Chicago SUN-TIMES daily. Good work! . . . Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rose of La Grange, Ill., returned from Mexico with many exciting tales and experiences. Among other things they also got to see the volcano Paricutin . . . Over the holiday season the Roses enjoyed the company of their daughters who arrived from Madison and New York. By the way, ravishing red-head Doris Rose is engaged to get married.

Wedding Bells

Hoodhood-Nord

Many of our Chicago and Buffalo (and even Israel) readers will be very much interested in the announcement of the marriage of their former associate and folk dancer, Hans Nord to Elayne Hoodhood of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Nord will make their home (at present) in Baltimore, Md. The wedding took place on Saturday, December 23rd, in Grand Rapids. His many friends extend to Hans and Elayne a long and a happy life together.

Puzon-Rudin

Wladimir Stanislaus Rudin (Bill to you), formerly of Broomfield, Mass. who for the past three years studied at George Williams (YMCA) College, ends his blissful bachelorhood on January 27th when he weds beautiful Felicia (Phyllis) Puzon at the Polish National Catholic Church, 8125 Saginaw, Chicago. Bill was in the Navy for three years. He is now with the reserves and holds the Lt. JG rank. Both are interested in Y work and met in that field three years ago. To Bill and Phyllis — "Sto Lat Niech Zyje Nam!"

As For Myself - TO TRAINS



Vyts explains a dance to Mr. & Mrs. John Madsen of Toronto, Canada, during his visit in November. The Madsens have pioneered with folk dancing in Canada, & from their Cherry Hill farm spreads the art of folk dancing and Danish gymnastics. The picture was taken by Viltite David Arikado during the session at the Lithuanian Church Hall.

Toronto-Canada, Troubles and Joys

My buddy, Bill Brooks, decided that he would join me on my Eastern tour. His dad, Earl Brooks, lives in Delaware and he thought that he would meanwhile get an opportunity to see him too, so on November first, he "reined" his 1940 Mercury (Jalopy par excellence) and we were on our way to Toronto, via Detroit. It was about 8:00 P. M. when we reached Windsor (the Canadian city across Detroit), everything seemed O.K. when suddenly the guard decided to inquire for a certain paper ascertaining ownership of the car — and then Bill realized that in his hurry to leave he didn't have it on him. No explaining would help, but in return the guard threatened to confiscate the car and contents if we said another word. Back we went to Detroit. We couldn't return to Chicago as it was too far, and I was due in Toronto the following day. We rushed toward Toledo and circled Lake Ontario, slept a few hours in Cleveland and then we continued to Buffalo. We left our car at the International Institute and grabbed the train for Toronto. But even on the train the border inspectors made entry very tough on us and we almost thought that we would be returned from Fort Erie, Canada. We couldn't take in anything (in records), we left everything behind with the Frank Gioris and arrived to our class "just" an hour and a half late.

The first session was held at the Lithuanian Church hall (with a non-Lith group), the Danish folk dancers who for the last few years were seen with John Madsen at the National Folk Festival in St. Louis. Betty and John Madsen were there, and of course, all my old friends — Bernice Bromby, Dorothy Wright, Russ Pickering, David Arikado, many others of the old gang and many others of a new gang who became our friends.

The following morning we had a class at the Ontario College of Education where Miss Helen Bryans is the Phys. Ed. instructor. This session was mainly for teachers. Miss Bryans is a very charming, sweet and most genteel person, and it was a honor to meet her and her associates.

That afternoon we dashed up to Agincourt, where our friends, the Norman Moores, had a session with a group of well-trained dancers, after refreshments at the



Chicagoan Bill Brooks, who chauffeured Vyts' around his Eastern tour, is seen dancing Zasiali Gorale with Toronto's two leading ladies of the folk dance group. To left is Miss Dorothy Wright and to right is Miss Bernice Bromby. The Bromby family were hosts to Bill and Vyts. Bill is the son of Earl Brooks from Arden, del., who is a folk dance leader in the Wilmington area.

(Photo by David Arikado)

home of the Moores, we "dashed" again to Toronto and the evening session, held at St. Ann's church hall where a very large group attended. Sunday afternoon we had a small session at the home of Seymour Adelman. Frank and Jane Giori were there from Buffalo, and Helen Kramer, besides others of the "inner circle". That night we left with the Gioris for Buffalo, but before leaving we had to pledge to return after our engagement in Rochester.

The following day we left for Rochester where a former co-worker of mine, Lew Mahony, now lives and works, he has organized a folk dance at the Y and it was with his group that we held a session at the Rochester University Gym. Lew took us out to a fancy Italian eatery before the session and we ate some more after the session. On these trips we always seem to eat well and high and end the evening with jam-sessions of more eating.

Tuesday morning we were heading for Canada again, by now Bill received his required papers (via air mail special delivery) and we were able to use his car. We had three more sessions; one at the University Settlement House with an inter-racial group, a truly excellent group headed by our new found friend, Ivy Krehm; and another the following day at the College with Helen Bryans and the Phys. Ed. students. We had supper at Ivy Krehm's home and then another class with the Danish dancers of Jim Phillips-Bernice Bromby-etc. (I don't know what their club's name is, aint I awful?). Another jam-session at the home of Jim Phillips and we dashed back to the States. We arrived in Niagara Falls plenty late (or early), slept but a few hours because we wanted to have breakfast with Frank and Jane Giori before he left for work. After breakfast we headed for Newark and New York.

In Canada our hosts were the Bromby's and I wish to express my sincere appreciation to them for the wonderful hospitality extended to us. I got to see for a brief period the Yokubynas family and I was greatly grieved to find Mrs. Yokubynas, very ill at home. On a whole, aside from the border trouble, we had a most wonderful time in Canada.

(To be continued next month)

Let us all pray, hope and work toward a year of peace. Dona Nobis Pax.

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